

Adherence to Juche Character and National Character and Prosperity of Southeast Asia

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This is the era in which a fierce showdown between the independent forces and dominationist ones is being made.

The people aspiring after independence and justice are advancing invariably along the road chosen by them even in the complicated international situation. However, imperialism pursuing high-handedness, arbitrariness and hegemony is moving in a desperate and cunning way in order to check the popular masses' progress and realize its ambition of domination.

In order to achieve prosperity in keeping with such requirements of the era, the people who aspire after independence should adhere to the Juche character and national character as clarified by the Juche idea.

Leader Kim Jong Il said.

“Adherence to the Juche character and national character of the revolution and construction is a fundamental principle that must be maintained in accomplishing the people's cause of independence, the cause of socialism.”

The Juche character and national character clearly illuminates the road ahead of all countries and nations aspiring after independence and justice at present. I decided to write a thesis for doctorate on the Juche character and national character and suggested it to the KASS.

The aim of my study is as follows.

It is to make more comprehensive and profound study on the Juche character and national character clarified by the Juche idea.

It is to study how the Juche character and national character are being embodied in the DPRK where the people's genuine life and happiness come true.

It is to make study of the Juche character and national character in view of achieving prosperity in the Southeast Asian countries.

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Chapter 1 General Understanding on the Juche Character and National Character

The task of each country and nation to adhere to the Juche character and sustain the national character is arisen as an urgent demand in our era when the masses of the people build a new society initiatively and proactively with their country and nation as a unit and with their destiny firmly in their hands.

President Kim Il Sung advanced the idea of adhering to the Juche character and national character for the first time in history and translated it into brilliant reality, thus leading the building of a new society to success.

Leader Kim Jong Il advanced an outstanding idea of preserving the Juche character and national character in building a new society as required by the era and the aspiration of mankind.

On June 19, 1997, leader Kim Jong Il published immortal classic work “On Preserving the Juche Character and National Character of the Revolution and Construction” comprehensively clarifying all issues arising in adhering to the Juche character and national character.

Adhering to the Juche character means that the masses of the people shape destiny of their country, nation and themselves independently and creatively as the masters. In other words, this means settling all issues in shaping the destiny of country and nation in keeping with the concrete realities of one’s own country, by judging and deciding independently and in accordance with the demand and interests of one’s people.

Sustaining the national character means preserving and developing excellent qualities of one’s nation and embodying them in all spheres of social life. In other words, this means defending and preserving the

ideological sentiment and excellent traits and tradition.

Juche character and national character are life and soul of country and nation.

Maintaining the Juche character and national character presents itself as an urgent issue in resolutely safeguarding national sovereignty under the condition that international justice is trampled down seriously.

Dominationist machinations are being made under the pretext of “democracy” and “war on terrorism”, “defence of human rights” and “globalization” causing the biggest anxiety among the world people aspiring after complete equality and peace of the countries and nations. There have never been in modern history such machinations to dominate and subjugate other countries and nations.

It is necessary to counter with strength the strength of imperialists who move to suppress other countries and nations by strength. Even small country and nation can possibly prepare powerful national strength capable of destroying the imperialists’ dominationist machinations by uniting the whole nation into one and enlisting every potential of the country if they thoroughly adhere to the Juche character and national character with extraordinary determination and persevering will.

If all countries and nations adhere to the Juche character and national character thoroughly, the imperialists’ domination and intervention, high-handedness and arbitrariness cannot work at all and social justice and national equality, peace and stability will be kept on our planet.

The Juche character and national character is the precious asset for nation’s existence and prosperity.

Any nation in the world is unable to maintain its existence and achieve prosperity if it loses its peculiar national character formed in the long historical process. At present, many-sided ties and exchange between the countries and nations become brisk with the rapid development of science and technology and the acceleration of information. It is inevitable that the relations between the countries and nations become closer and exchange and cooperation more active with the development of human society. This is of weighty significance in making all countries and nations provide civilized living conditions while enjoying in common the scientific and technical successes and experiences, economic and cultural wealth created by mankind and making joint cooperation.

However, this does not mean that the countries and nations should discard their own peculiar national character and abandon their sovereignty.

The imperialists clamoured about “globalization” that obliterates the Juche character and national character of other countries and nations. At present “globalization” serves as a basic strategy of imperialists to dominate other countries and nations. The imperialists describe as if the “integration” of the world were an inevitable result of the development of human society. But there can never be the “integration” of the world covering all fields of politics, economy and culture under the condition that every country and nation shapes its destiny with its own ideology and system. The catastrophic aftereffects of “globalization” are found intensively in those countries who submitted to the imperialists’ pressure and intervention and introduced the western style in all fields of social life. In those countries, the national character gradually disappears and the people become spiritual

cripples deprived of national soul.

If they are the people who treasure their country and nation, they must adhere to the Juche character and national character thoroughly against the imperialists' "globalization".

Chapter 2 Adhering to the Juche Character and National Character Is Fundamental Guarantee of Prosperity of Country and Nation

Adhering to the Juche character and national character is a fundamental guarantee of national prosperity as it is vital to the defence of national dignity and interests.

In order to defend national dignity and interests, it is necessary to solve all problems arising in shaping the destiny of one's country and nation in one's own way. The struggle to achieve national prosperity can neither be exported nor be imported. The people in each country are masters of the struggle for national prosperity, and it is the independent right of each country and nation that cannot be encroached upon to decide and deal with the problems arising in the struggle.

In order to defend national dignity and interests, it is imperative to find the methods and ways of its own and rely on them. Finding and applying one's own methods and ways is precisely the adherence to the Juche character and national character. Only when the Juche character and national character are adhered to in building a new society, can one carve out the destiny of his and the popular masses independently with independent view and faith and solve all problems creatively in

keeping with the demands and interests of his country and nation.

It is the truth proved by history and reality that, if the people fail to keep their view and conviction, they will follow the will of imperialists and dominationists and this will inevitably result in leading the country and nation to collapse and ruin.

Adhering to the Juche character and national character is a fundamental guarantee of national prosperity as it is vital also in enabling the country and nation to achieve independent development.

The struggle for the masses' independence is conducted with a country and nation as a unit. A country and nation is a place of people to live and a basic unit of shaping destiny of the masses. The popular masses' cause of independence is inconceivable without country and nation as they live and shape their destiny with a country and nation as a unit.

The imperialists advocate the "integration" of the world and "internationalization" in order to make the whole world the "free world" devoid of border, the Juche character and national character transcending idea and system of each country and nation subordinating all countries and nations to them. They are clamoring about "globalization" while embellishing it as if it were an "all-powerful key" to the "development and prosperity". Some countries introduced "political polycentrism", "liberalization of economy" and "opening of culture" advocated by the imperialists under the pretext of "globalization" causing political chaos, economic collapse and subjugation and obliteration of national culture and customs. Only the imperialists made profits through "globalization", but contradiction, confrontation and disputes between nations, tribes and different political forces got intensified and political crises and disorder were

caused in those countries that accepted “globalization.” As a result, the masses of the people are suffering from poverty.

Adhering to the Juche character and national character is the fundamental guarantee of national prosperity and lifeline for the popular masses’ cause of independence. Without adhering to the Juche character and national character, it is impossible to achieve national prosperity and development and make progress and win victory in the people’s cause of independence.

Adhering to the Juche character and national character is a fundamental guarantee of national prosperity as it enables to consolidate unity and solidarity among the world progressives.

As it is the issue related to the international justice and human progress, the struggle to achieve national prosperity of country and nation requires strengthening of the unity and solidarity among the world progressive people. Unity and solidarity of the world progressive people are the relations of mutual support and cooperation between the countries and nations aspiring after independence. Mutual support and close cooperation of the world progressive people arises as the more urgent requirement due to the machinations of imperialists and dominationists.

In order to strengthen the unity and solidarity among the world progressive people, it is necessary for all countries and nations to adhere to the Juche character and national character. There are many countries and nations, big and small, developed and underdeveloped. Every country and nation has its own characteristics in history, cultural tradition, way of life and the like.

However, all countries and nations are equal and have the independent rights. Genuine international relations are the unity and

cooperation based on independence and they can be achieved only when the Juche character and national character are adhered to. The unity and solidarity can be the solid and genuine ones only when all countries and nations establish equal and independent relations while shaping their destiny independently and creatively, preserving and developing their peculiar and excellent national characteristics and embodying them in social life.

Chapter 3 DPRK Is an Example in Adhering to the Juche Character and National Character

Validity and vitality of ideology and theory is displayed in practice. Ideology and theory that is apart from practice and does not serve practice is meaningless.

Today, the DPRK displays its dignity before the world as the socialist state of independence, self-sufficiency and self-reliant defence which has strengthened the Juche character, the socialist state which fully displays the national character and the people-centered socialist state where the Juche character and national character are thoroughly embodied thanks to the wise leadership of President Kim Il Sung, leader Kim Jong Il and the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un.

The revolutionary history of President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il shines as the sacred history in which they comprehensively embodied the Juche idea in the revolution and construction and consolidated the Juche character and national character in an unusual way.

The respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un firmly adheres to the

Juche character and national character in the struggle to accomplish the building of a powerful socialist country, national reunification and the revolutionary cause of Juche, true to the ideas and intentions of President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il.

The DPRK's experience eloquently proves that the adherence to the Juche character and national character is important in the struggle to carve out the destiny of country and nation, the struggle for the cause of independence. At the same time, it proves that it is necessary for the world progressive people to learn after the DPRK who firmly adheres to the Juche character and national character if they are to achieve national prosperity.

Section 1 Socialist Country of Independence, Self-sufficiency and Self-defence Strong in Juche Character

(1) State of Independence

Independent politics is the one adhering to the national independence and sovereignty of one's own people and the one defending the interests and relying on the strength of one's people. In other words, it is the politics that formulates all lines and policies in keeping with demands of one's own people and the specific reality of one's own country and solves all problems by relying on the strength of one's own people.

The DPRK, first of all, gives top priority to the interests of the revolution and its people and resolutely defends them.

Unless top priority is given to the interests of one's country and people to defend them, principle and consistency cannot be kept in building a new society and, in the long run, the building of a new

society will be failed.

The DPRK pursues the politics that formulates lines and policies while giving top priority to the interests of the country and people and aims at realizing them, the politics that does not yield to any external pressure, blackmail or conciliation but defends its dignity and interests of its people. It gives top priority to the interests of its people and firmly defends them to thoroughly realize their' independence.

The DPRK also solves all problems in conformity with its specific conditions.

Genuine politics for the masses' independence must solve all problems arising in the building of a new society in keeping with one's specific conditions. This is because each country has its own characteristics, and people's aspiration and demands, the sentiments and manners are different according to countries.

The DPRK makes good calculation of its subjective and objective conditions, formulates strategy and tactics in keeping with them and positively find out and apply new theories and methods of the revolution and construction while approaching the established theories and others' experiences in a creative way.

The DPRK also solves all problems relying on its own strength.

Building a new society is a difficult and huge undertaking, and it cannot be realized of its own accord even though someone demands or intends to do and no one can do it for others. Only when one believes in one's own strength and relies on it, the popular masses' independence can be realized with success. Looking forward and depending on the others leads to subordination and national ruin.

The DPRK builds a new society by dint of its own strength and wisdom, its own technology and resources on the principle of

self-reliance while solving all problems by depending on its internal forces.

The DPRK also exercises complete sovereignty and equality in foreign relations.

Sovereignty of a country is expressed in foreign relations. To exercise complete sovereignty and equality in foreign relations is a basic issue in ensuring political independence. Sovereignty is the sacred right of all countries. Today, there are over 200 countries in the world. Among them, there are big and small, developed and developing countries. However, there cannot be high and low, ruling and ruled countries. All countries are equal and independent. No one must infringe upon other's sovereignty and no one must tolerate his sovereignty to be infringed.

The DPRK develops the relations with other countries on the principle of opposing privilege, territorial integrity and noninterference in internal affairs, equality and mutual benefits. It is the DPRK's consistent policy to oppose imperialism, support the national liberation movement in colonial countries and international labor movement, and strengthen the unity among the socialist countries and those aspiring after independence.

(2)State of Self-sufficiency

A country that has independent national economy means the country where economy is built and developed in conformity with its specific conditions relying on its resources and technology. In other words, it is the country that has economy built in its own style depending on its own strength, the economy that stands on its own feet

without depending on other's help.

The DPRK maintains the principle of self-reliance thoroughly.

Literally, self-reliance means to develop by relying on one's own efforts. One can build self-supporting economy even under difficult conditions if one makes strenuous efforts believing in him.

In the report to the 7th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea on the work of the Central Committee, the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un stressed to maintain the self-development first principle.

Self-development first principle is the revolutionary spirit of strengthening the motive force and paving one's way by relying on one's efforts, technology and resources. The basis of this principle is the revolutionary idea of President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il that one must carry out the revolution on one's own, and the mode of struggle to apply it is self-reliance and fortitude. The Korean people reject flunkeyism and dependence on foreign forces and push ahead with the building of a powerful socialist country by thoroughly relying on their own strength, technology and resources with self-reliance and fortitude.

The DPRK also equips with a multi-faceted and comprehensive economic structure.

A country equipped with a multi-faceted and comprehensive economic structure is the country that has the economic structure capable of perfecting the production processes ranging from the production of materials to that of finished goods on one's own while manufacturing mainly the heavy and light industrial products and agricultural products needed in the economic construction, defense upbuilding and the people's livelihood by oneself. The one with the well-equipped economic sectors is the country whose economy is not

geared to profit-making but equipped with a multi-faceted and comprehensive economic structure on the principle of ensuring economic independence and far-sighted economic development.

With the line of building socialist independent national economy, the DPRK rehabilitated the severely destroyed economy in 2-3 years after the war and accomplished the historic task of industrialization, which had taken hundreds of years for others, in a short span of only 14 years, thus laying a solid independent basis for national economy.

The DPRK also equips all sectors of the economy with modern technology and makes production and management on a scientific basis.

A country with modernized economy is the country whose economy reached to such a high degree as to put all production processes on a comprehensively mechanized, automated, computerized and robotized basis. The one with economy whose all sectors including heavy and light industries and agriculture, all production processes ranging from exploitation of raw materials to the packing of products are put on a comprehensively mechanized, automated, computerized and robotized basis—this is a country with the highly modernized economy. The country whose economy is put on a scientific basis has the economy whose technical engineering is highly developed so as to introduce ultra-modern scientific and technical successes into production. And it is the country in which profitability is thoroughly ensured in the management of all economic sectors to manage and operate the economy in a scientific and rational way.

The DPRK is now paying attention to the work of making the people well-versed in science and technology. Making all the people

well-versed in science and technology is an important undertaking to prepare all members of the society as intelligent workers with the intellectual level of university graduate, and as the developers of science and technology. In the DPRK, science and technology play the role of the engine in the building of an economic power. With the viewpoint and attitude that it must pave the way for economic development and develop the economy with science and technology, the scientific research sector works out concrete scientific and technological plans for promoting the independence and Juche character of the economy and improving the people's living standards, and adopts and implements specific measures to their end. The sector of science and technology plays the leading role in speeding up the integration of science and technology with the economy and making the economy modern and IT-based.

The DPRK also develops the economy by relying on its solid raw materials, fuel and power bases.

One is unable to ensure the economic independence and develop national economy safely on his own initiative unless he solves the problems of raw materials, fuel and power needed in production on his own. It is as same as depending one's economy on other's. If one fails to meet the demands of raw materials, fuel and power on one's own, he will inevitably be drawn into the world economic upheavals.

The building of an independent national economy is not contradictory to the international economic cooperation. Independent national economy does not oppose the international cooperation but the economic domination and subordination by other country.

Each country should build an independent national economy and, on its basis, have the economic cooperation on the principle of

equality.

Building an independent national economy is the most correct road that enables all countries and nations to achieve prosperity without being restricted to any economic sanction and subjugation.

(3) State of Self-reliant in Defence

Building of a self-defensive military giant is fundamental principle for a sovereign and independent state. The most correct road for victory in the cause of revolution is to build the self-defensive military giant capable of opposing aggressive war with war of liberation and standing counter-revolutionary violence with revolutionary violence.

The DPRK has the revolutionary army firmly prepared politically and ideologically, militarily and technically.

The main in a country's military capability is army composed of service personnel and combat and technical equipment. Only with the revolutionary army prepared politically and ideologically, militarily and technically, it is possible to defend the country and the people's happiness and press ahead with the socialist construction.

Politico-ideological superiority is the essential superiority of the Korean People's Army and a source of its invincible strength capable of defeating any aggressors and winning victory. The Korean people's history of revolutionary wars including the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and the Fatherland Liberation War tells that the revolutionary army, firmly prepared politically and ideologically, can possibly defeat the enemy who is boasting of its numerical and technical superiority.

Today the KPA has become the revolutionary powerful armed forces prepared militarily, technically and physically and capable of dealing with any formidable enemy. The DPRK arms the People's

Army with its peculiar strategy and tactics as required by the features of modern warfare and the acute situation and takes revolutionary measures for radically consolidating the army's military and technical preparations. The People's Army has equipped with the modern arms and combat and technical equipment relied on its own solid defence industry and developed into the invincible revolutionary powerful armed forces equipped with modern offensive and defensive measures capable of annihilating the enemy at a blow.

The DPRK also establishes an all-people, nationwide defence system.

Modern warfare is an all-out and three-dimensional one being waged in the sky, land and sea concurrently irrespective of the front and the rear. Therefore, it is important not only to build up the regular armed forces but also arm the entire people and erect firm nationwide defence facilities.

Fortifying the whole country is the one in which all regions and areas irrespective of the front and the rear, coastline and inland zone are solidly arranged strategically and tactically as required by the modern warfare and the geographical conditions of the country. Today, all regions and areas in the DPRK has been fortified and all positions set up in keeping with the demands of modern warfare and the geographical conditions of the country.

Arming all the people means making all the people form an organized defence system by dint of a military strength with the revolutionary armed forces as a core. In the DPRK, the military affairs is a nationwide, all-people undertaking and the entire people sincerely learn the military science, so that they can exterminate the aggressors with hammer and sickle in one hand and rifle in the other once the

enemy attacks it.

The DPRK also develops its own defence industry reliably.

Only when one has his own defence industry, is it possible to arm the army and all the people. If one depends on other's, one is unable to have enough arms suited to the actual conditions of one's own country as much as needed in the necessary period and to keep the secret of armed forces even though one has them.

The Korean people have exerted great efforts to the development of their own defence industry with their belts tightened so as to provide powerful offensive and defensive means capable of defeating any formidable enemy at one blow.

One should have self-reliant defence capabilities no matter how difficult and arduous it may be if one is desirous of prosperity of his country and nation.

Section 2 Patriotic Socialist State Where National Character Is Fully Displayed

The DPRK is a patriotic socialist state that demonstrates to the whole world the national dignity and honor with the Korean-nation-first principle.

If anyone fails to cherish high pride of his or her country and nation, he or she will fall into national nihilism, flunkeyism and defeatism. The nation-first principle is the highest manifestation of national independence and patriotism and a society that embodies it is a patriotic one.

A fundamental factors giving birth to the nation-first principle are the greatness of leader who leads the destiny of nation, the greatness of

guiding ideology illuminating the road ahead of the nation and the superiority of social system in which the nation lives.

The Korean nation, who has added unusual brilliance to the national character since long ago, now cherishes the genuine nation-first spirit because it has such conditions.

The Korean people hold President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il, whom the world people unanimously respect, trust in and admire, in high esteem as the eternal leaders, and they have the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un on the highest post of the Party, the state and the army, the great Juche idea and the most superior people-centered socialist system.

Leader of a nation is the sun that defends and leads the nation's destiny and a centre of the national unity. Nation's independent demands and interests are integrated and united into one by the leader and nationwide struggle for them is guided by the leader in a unified way. Hence, rise and fall of a nation hinges on the greatness of the leader, and the biggest happiness of a nation lies in holding the nation's extraordinary hero, the peerlessly great person in high esteem.

National superiority is being fully displayed in all fields of social life in the DPRK. Spirit of national independence and tradition of national culture are positively embodied in the fields of politics, economy and culture, and any trifle factors that are contrary to the national character are being rejected thoroughly. In the DPRK, the people's superior national character formed through history comes into bloom and develops comprehensively and new national excellences are created constantly in all fields of social life.

In today's world, there exists no such nation strong in self-confidence for its ideology, system and cause as the Korean who

holds high the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, and no such country as the socialist Korea where the nation-first principle prevails in the whole society and the nation's dignity is fully displayed by dint of the principle.

The Korean-nation-first principle is a powerful driving force that unfolds a great heyday of national prosperity. The Korean people are now bringing about a radical turn in all fields of politics, military, economy and culture under the wise leadership of the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un. Monumental edifices and modern streets have been erected, modern production bases built and the ultra-modern science and technology suited to the requirement of IT era developed in a few years. This is a vivid display of the Korean-nation-first principle enabling to redouble efforts with an unusual readiness to demonstrate the nation's wisdom.

The Korean-nation-first principle is a treasure sword of sure victory that enables the Korean people to resolutely defend sovereignty and dignity of the country in the fierce showdown with imperialism. The Korean-nation-first principle is pulsated with the strong will to fight to death for national dignity, the firm stand of not yielding before any pressure and the confidence of looking down even the world super powers. A miraculous reality that a country, small in territory and population wins victory after victory in the showdown with imperialism is a manifestation of strong national dignity of the people in the DPRK.

The DPRK remains unchanged no matter how the world political situation may change. No one would dare attack the DPRK and it will fully display its might as a powerful socialist country of Juche as long as its people cherish the Korean-nation-first principle deep in their

minds.

Section 3 People-centered Socialist State Where the Juche Character and National Character Are Embodied

(1) State Where Popular Masses Become Masters of Everything

That the popular masses are the masters of everything means they deal with everything with their own efforts in keeping with their interests as the masters of state and society.

In the DPRK the popular masses are the masters of politics.

The Korean people lead social life as the masters of state power. From the viewpoint and attitude that the ideas, lines and policies are the integration and systematization of the masses' independent will and desire, the Party and the state in the DPRK always reflect the people's humble thoughts and will to map out policies of the country. The DPRK where the people's will and demands are respected always maps out and realizes the policies and always pays attention to whether they agree with the people's aspiration and desire or not and whether the people are fond of them or not.

All the people are included in the Party organization and other political organizations to fully express their will and materialize it through them. Activities of the political organizations in the DPRK are thoroughly subordinated to the defence and realization of the masses' will, aspiration and interests.

In the DPRK the popular masses also become the masters of the social wealth including means of production and the economic management.

The people in the DPRK have the right to developing, managing

and operating the economy in conformity with their interests as the masters of means of production, and lead an independent and creative life while enjoying the material wealth they created.

The Korean people are provided with the rights to food, clothing and housing. All the working people have stable jobs and participate in creative labour for society and themselves according to their ability, and are distributed according to their work done. It is the reality in the DPRK where the people's material life improves as the days go by and a great upsurge is brought about in the building of a powerful socialist country by dint of high sense of self-awareness and creative zeal of the masses.

(2) Socialist State Where Everything Serves the People

That everything serves the masses of the people means that all state activities are subordinated to providing them with genuine freedom and rights, affluent and cultured life.

The DPRK subordinates all state activities to providing the masses with genuine freedom and rights.

The DPRK where the popular masses are masters of everything provides them with all conditions that enable them to participate freely in state and social life with equal rights. It fully provides with legal and social conditions enabling all members of the society to lead political organizational life by participating freely in the state administration and socio-political activities.

The DPRK subordinates all state activities also to providing the people with affluent and cultured life.

It provides all working people with the right to labour and the working conditions capable of participating in creative labor for the

society and themselves according to their ability and aptitude, and formulates and executes the policies so as to make them distributed according to the result of their labor. Material wealth the working people created is fairly distributed to them according to the quantity and quality of their work done. All people lead happy life under the care of the state through such popular policies made at the state and social expense as social security system, social insurance system and recuperation and relaxation system.

In building even a street, it subordinates the building to the people's interests centring on them. Banks, hotels and different amusement quarters are built at the center of cities in Washington and New York in US and in other capitalist countries and only the rich people are squandering there. The DPRK builds the people's apartments, shops and welfare service facilities at the center of cities.

Proverb says that fish in the water are not conscious that they are living in water. The Korean people are the happy people who enjoy the benefits from the state unconsciously.

(3) State Advancing with United Strength of the Popular Masses

In the DPRK the society is developed by high revolutionary zeal and creativity of the popular masses.

In the DPRK, the popular masses arm themselves with the Juche idea, the Songun idea under the leadership of the Party regarding it as a guideline of their work and life. As a result, they enhance their consciousness of being masters of the society and display high revolutionary zeal and creativity in the socialist construction.

In the DPRK the society is developed ceaselessly by unity and cooperation of the masses.

Essential superiority of the DPRK's socialist system is that the popular masses, the masters of everything, work willingly for the country and the people, the society and the collective in firm unity. It is its true picture that all members of the society support the leader's idea and intention in one mind and will trusting and loving each other.

In the DPRK, all the people hold and support the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un as their father and regard embrace of the Party as their mother's, thus forming a harmonious big family. In the DPRK where all people fully display patriotic devotion to rush ahead at the speed of Mallima while reducing ten years to one, everything changes at a surprising speed, and as a result, morning differs from evening and yesterday differs from today.

The DPRK is erecting architectures in every part of the country with self-reliance and self-development frustrating moves of hostile forces and all obstacles and leaping forward remarkably with the pulsating youthfulness. Its reality and spirit shows the superiority of the socialist system advancing by dint of the united strength of the popular masses.

Chapter 4 Southeast Asia Approached from the View of Preserving Juche character and National Character

Southeast Asia includes the Indochina peninsula, southeast of the Asian continent and the Malay Islands littered on the waters off the peninsula. Its area is approximately 4 500 000 km ² and its population is 500 million. It is located between N 23 ° to S 10 °, E 92 ° to W 132 °. Southeast Asia includes Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar,

Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, East Timor and Brunei.

Southeast Asia is now making worthwhile efforts to create new life and striving to carve out its destiny independently. It is making development in the economy and all other fields while retaining its own peculiar characteristics. Today it becomes the force that cannot be ignored in the international arena.

The imperialists intensify domination and subjugation, intervention and plunder, aggression and infiltration upon Southeast Asia. Even in the present century following the past century, Southeast Asia is confronted with challenges in such different fields of social life as politics, the economy, ideology, culture and military suffering from difficulties and trials due to the imperialists' machinations.

Reality shows that adhering to the Juche character and national character is the most important issue for all countries and nations in Southeast Asia in achieving regional prosperity.

Section 1 History of Southeast Asia

History implies the course in which all things and phenomena in nature and society existed temporally or the records of them. One can correctly solve the problems arising in reality and successfully blaze the trail into the future only when he knows history well.

Southeast Asia had been invaded and plundered by Europe in the early period. In 1496, Portugal invaded Indonesia to monopolize the trade of aromatics like lilac and occupied the Malacca region in the Malay Peninsula in 1511 to control the right to marine transport in the Strait of Malacca. The Netherlands had begun to intrude into Indonesia from the end of the 16th century and UK and France drove out the preceding aggressors to expand sphere of their domination in the 19th

century. UK made Malai, Myanmar and the southern region of Thailand its colony. France began to invade Southeast Asia from the end of the 18th century; it occupied Vietnam in 1862, Cambodia in 1863 and Laos afterwards and fabricated the “French Indochina Federation” with those countries in 1893, thus intensifying colonial rule over the region. As a result, almost of all regions of Southeast Asia were occupied by the European colonialists in the end of the 19th century.

Japan moved for partition of colonies in Southeast Asia. Japan established the supremacy over Southeast Asia in the period of the World War II.

With the intensification of the imperialists’ policy of colonial enslavement and their severe exploitation and plunder, the Southeast Asian people turned out in the struggle against the foreign imperialists. Vietnamese people raised the nationwide armed uprising in August 1945 to liberate Hanoi and declared the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. Fierce mass struggles against imperialism including armed struggle were waged in Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Indonesia and the Philippines.

When Japan that had occupied Southeast Asia in the period of the World War II was defeated, the imperialists again disturbed the struggle of the Southeast Asian people. The people in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia brought France into submission through the 8-year long resistance and realized cease-fire in 1954. Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia fought against the aggressors. The Vietnamese people liberated the whole region of South Vietnam in 1975 in the protracted anti-US national salvation struggle and declared the unified Socialist Republic of Vietnam in 1976. The people in Laos abolished

monarchism in 1975 to establish the Democratic Republic of Laos, thus achieving unification and sovereignty. The Cambodian people brought victoriously the 5-year long resistance for national salvation to an end and declared a new democratic Cambodia in 1976.

Section 2 Domination and Plunder, Aggression and Infiltration of the Imperialists upon Southeast Asia

(1) Imperialist Domination and Interference in Politics

The imperialists try to exercise political influence in the scramble for power over the ASEAN countries.

Hence, the imperialists formed bilateral relationship of alliance with the Southeast Asian countries in the Cold War period causing political and military confrontation between those countries in the region. After the Cold War, they organized APEC that includes not only the East Asian countries but the Latin American countries in the Pacific to weaken the existence of ASEAN.

At present, they advertise loudly about the “globalization” in the field of politics and force to accept “multi-party system” and “polycentrism” in politics, interfere in internal affairs of the Southeast Asian countries and resort to arbitrariness and high-handedness.

“Globalization”, being pursued by the imperialists that have nothing to do with humanity, family, regional community, society and culture of the Southeast Asian people, results in imbalance causing numerous problems such as poverty, unemployment, juvenile labor, drug addicts, AIDS and environment.

(2) Imperialist Subordination and Plunder in the Economy

The financial crisis swept the Southeast Asian countries in the mid-1990s disturbed their economic growth and caused confusion in all fields of social life, thus suffering from grave trials. The Southeast Asian countries that had achieved rapid economic development, called by the world as the “miracle in Asia”, faced the financial crisis in the mid-1990s. The crisis started with sharp devaluation of currency in Thailand in early July 1997, was rapidly extended to other Southeast Asian countries. After July 1997, value of currency in the Southeast Asian countries fell as much as about 30-50 per cent. In addition, the huge real estate loan made centring on financial organs was reduced to a bad debt that had no prospect of instant repayment.

The crisis in the Southeast Asian countries was an inevitable result caused by them who had made the policy of relying their finance sector, weighty important in socio-political life of the region, upon the foreign countries.

Serious financial crisis in the Southeast Asian countries gave rise to serious consequences in the economy and the people’s livelihood in those countries. Many countries decreased state budget and suspended constructions of large scale. They could not but take a measure of raising tax to allot the budget funds. Lots of small and medium enterprises and even large ones were closed or integrated, and the streets were crowded with the unemployed. The economy was under stagnation. As a result, prices rose and wages fell making the working people’s life ever more difficult.

The responsibility for financial crisis in the Southeast Asian countries lies with the imperialists that fabricated the crisis

intentionally.

The Southeast Asian financial crisis gives serious lessons to the countries and people aspiring after independence. One of them is that one must not have any illusion about imperialism. The other of them is that one must reject dependency on foreign forces and build an independent national economy.

(3) Imperialists' Aggressive Moves in Military

In the old days, SEATO, the imperialists-led military alliance, was formed. SEATO was a tool for realizing the imperialist strategy, together with NATO and SENTO. It was formed according to the "Southeast Asia Collective Defence Treaty" concluded in Manila, capital of the Philippines on September 8, 1954. Unlike the NATO, it had no combined forces command. However, unity in action was not provided. Pakistan formally seceded from it on July 14, 1972 and France freed itself from the financial burden since June 1974. Later, other countries also seceded from the organization making it unable to perform its mission. As a result, it came to an end on May 30, 1977.

The imperialists groped for the ways of maintaining its military existence in the Southeast Asian region and stationed their armed forces in some ASEAN countries.

Most of the Southeast Asian countries are worried over the regional security as their safety is under constant threat due to the anti-government armed activities of different political and religious forces in their countries. In recent years, the extreme Islamic forces in Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia intensify the anti-government armed activities while making deep contacts, and the pirates frequent in the countries in the Malacca Strait basin to increase their activities and thus

threat marine security seriously. Like this, the Southeast Asian region has become a “hot bed of terrorism,” and the political instability resulted from frequent bomb explosions, hostage kidnapping and political disturbances make the region be regarded to be the “world region of threat to investment” and thus create a serious obstacle in the economic development of the region. Hence, the ASEAN member countries have become more interested in creating security circumstances favorable to the regional economic development and investment.

The imperialists want to make the ASEAN perceive that they are needed in improving “security ability” in which ASEAN is interested. By doing so, they make the Southeast Asian countries be cautious of and exclude other big powers and makes them have expectation on their military cooperation.

(4) Imperialists’ Ideological and Cultural Infiltration

Through the reactionary ideological and cultural infiltration, the imperialists are to infuse the people in other countries with the anti-communist idea to numb their sense of national independence and class consciousness, degenerate them mentally and morally and realize their ambition. Proceeding from such purpose, the imperialists destroy traditional culture in the Southeast Asian region and persistently spread the corrupted culture and degenerated way of life. The ideological and cultural infiltration by the imperialists reaches the ever more serious phase with the passage of time. Ideas and culture being spread by the imperialists are consistent with plunder and murder, fraud and deception, dissipation and dissolution based on extreme misanthropy and individualism, mammonism and hedonism.

Due to the imperialist “globalization” in ideology and culture, 234 languages among 5 000-7 000 languages in the world had vanished already. It is told that 90% of the world languages will disappear almost or completely in the 21st century if the imperialist “globalization” continues. There is no exception for the minority peoples in Southeast Asia. People are also being changed by the imperialist “globalization”. Everything excellent is deteriorated, culture becomes consumerist, matter-centered and western-style in form, self-dependence gets less and dependence on external factor gets bigger.

The dominationist machinations of the imperialists against Southeast Asia urgently require the people in Southeast Asia to adhere to the Juche character and national character more firmly than before in building a new society.

Section 3 Efforts for Prosperity in Southeast Asia

(1) Efforts to Achieve Prosperity in Thailand

Among the countries in Southeast Asia, Thailand is big in territory and population and has developed economy. That is why Thailand has relatively big influence and raises its voice in the Southeast Asian region, ASEAN and the international arena. Thailand is now making positive efforts to achieve prosperity against the imperialist machinations of domination.

During the last 40 years since it drew up the State Economic and Social Development Plan No. 1 whose strategy was the expansion of industrial sector and the transition to the globalized city in 1961, Thailand has paid primary attention to the economic growth but disregarded the local development. It resulted in imbalanced

development. So, it attained quantitative growth of GNP by 11-12%, but failed to keep the qualitative balance. Discrimination in income and poverty, drainage of natural resources and destruction of environment become more serious at present. Conflicts are also aggravated in society.

It can be said that localization is a good chance and attempt of developing country with technology and knowledge as a basis of development. Localization(traditionalization) is based on one's own natural resources, regional civilization and history. Based on localization, the State Economic and Social Development Plan No. 9 whose main is the strategy focused on the well-balanced development of man and society, economy and environment was put forward. As it has philosophy on the well-balanced economy(self-supporting economy), the State Economic and Social Development Plan No. 9(2001-2005) led Thailand to success from crisis. Thailand has covered the road of development for over 40 years by putting stress on its economic growth.

The new self-supporting-centered theory of economy begins with the family system. If people form such a collective as an organization to increase production by relying on their own efforts, such self-supporting economy can bring about development. Over 65 000 groups and organizations being spread in 75 000 regional communities are now developing self-supporting economy in their regions, and the cooperative economy of the regional community is being developed into the level of trade economy in conformity with localism and localization. Self-supporting economy is a form of philosophy that teaches modes of life and work to the people in the different stages of family, regional community and state. Important in the development of

a country is to overpower the “globalization” pursued by the imperialists.

In many cases, philosophy of self-supporting economy has commonness not only with economy but with the guiding principles of the Juche idea (independence in politics, self-supporting in economy and self-reliant in defence). Philosophy of self-supporting economy can be considered to be the philosophy covering human life and way of life, community and its internal structure.

The self-supporting economy is a way for the final goal of integrating life and family, organization and regional community. Social culture and natural resources are the means for achieving sustaining development on the basis of realizing self-support by integrating all levels in keeping with the same and different levels clarified by the new theory. Philosophy of self-supporting economy is a branch of localization being continued up to now.

A research team in Thailand has speculated and studied it to solve all problems. The conclusion the team drew in the study is that “globalization” being pursued by the imperialists does not give profit to Thailand. Analyzing the fundamental factor, the team recognized that the community(regional community) has capability for self-sufficient economy in Thailand.

Thailand has a good example. When the economy was in a crisis due to their vicious attack on the field of finance in the end of 1990s, the Thai people were on the crossroad of either to be economic slaves of the imperialists by allowing relief fund of the IMF or to overcome difficulties with their own efforts and wisdom. They chose the latter. They established financial administration system in keeping with their actual conditions and switched from the export-led economic policy to

the economic policy of stimulating and expanding domestic demands, thus freeing itself from the financial crisis in a short span of time.

It is most important to solve all problems in the building of a new society with one's own efforts according to one's independent judgment and decision and in conformity with one's own interests.

The people well know the actual situation, detailed conditions and development potentials of their countries. Other's costume cannot fit and match you well. If Thailand had accepted the prescription of IMF, its people would have been reduced to be colonial slaves under trusteeship, to say nothing of socio-political confusion and economic catastrophe.

Today the imperialist and dominationist forces try to move the world at their will. Therefore, it is necessary to firmly adhere to the Juche character and national character in the building of a new society if the people are to defend the position befitting the master of their destiny and fulfill responsibility and role as such.

It is no easy job to adhere to the Juche character and national character. However, it is the only way for Thailand to achieve prosperity. Thailand can achieve prosperity if it puts forward idea and theory suited to its own realities, awakens the people, enhances their mental strength, unites the people into one and preserves its history, culture and excellent tradition.

(2) Efforts to Achieve Prosperity in Other Southeast Asian Countries

In the last century, lots of people predicted that the 21st century would be the century of Asia, the century of the Pacific. It is being translated into reality. Today, Southeast Asia plays a big role in the

world economic development. It holds considerable position and raises its voice in the arena of international politics.

All the Southeast Asian countries should reject the imperialist domination and intervention and fulfill their responsibility and role to record the independent development and prosperity of Southeast Asia on the chronicle of implementing the cause of independence in 21st century.

It is important to enhance the role of ASEAN in bringing about independent development and prosperity of Southeast Asia. ASEAN whose parental body was the Alliance of Southeast Asian(ASA) and Malaysia-the Philippines-Indonesia Alliance(Maphilindo), was founded on August 8, 1967 in Bangkok, capital of Thailand as a sub-regional cooperative organization. ASEAN is a product that combined the aim of the ASA and the spirit of Maphilindo. It included Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines at the time of its foundation. It enlisted Brunei on January 8, 1984, Vietnam on July 28, 1995, Laos and Myanmar on July 23, 1997 and Cambodia on April 30, 1999. As a result, it realized its initial desire of “making Southeast Asia ASEANized”, “making ASEAN be Southeast Asianized”, thus developing into a regional cooperative organization. All countries in Southeast Asia can realize unity and cooperation for their joint prosperity and development thanks to the materialization of “10-State Great ASEAN Initiative”. ASEAN has 10 countries with the territory of 4 500 000 k m², population of 5 hundred million, hundreds of billions USD of GDP and total foreign trade amount of hundreds of billions USD and thus has become a force equivalent to one big power holding full-fledged position in the international arena. ASEAN is the organization that attained the most complete maturity among all

sub-regional and regional cooperative organizations which were formed by the developing countries and plays a peculiar role in all fields of politics, economy and security, thus drawing the attention of the world.

ASEAN regards it as an important aim to promote economic, social and cultural development of member countries by exerting joint efforts with the spirit of equality and cooperation. It considers it as the basic principle of its activity to defend national independence. That ASEAN puts forward the principle of respecting national independence as the basic of its foreign policy and activities is related with the fact that the ASEAN countries themselves have keen interests in holding independence of their countries and nations. As it reflects the present era's trend calling for living and developing independently against domination, subordination and plunder of big powers upon small and weak countries, the ASEAN's principle of activities to respect national independence exerts a positive influence upon the acceleration of the forward movement of the independent era.

In the Bangkok Declaration, the declaration of its foundation, ASEAN sets an article of confining admission qualifications only to the Southeast Asian countries and consistently adheres to it, because its operation will be difficult if a country outside the region enters the organization.

After its foundation, ASEAN has conducted activities with non-interference in internal affairs, peaceful settlement of disputes, peace, freedom, founding of neutral zone, cooperation for economic and social development as its principles. "Southeast Asian Treaty on Friendly Cooperation", the non-aggression treaty(adopted in 1976), and the "Southeast Asia Pact on Non-nuclear Zone" (signed in 1995,

effective in 1997) that banned the use of nuke within the region are norms of activities of ASEAN. ASEAN established the system of cooperating functions like summit meeting, the foreign ministers' meeting and the ASEAN secretariat to deal with the mutual relations between the member countries and adjust the stand of each country through the system. Economic cooperation between member countries of ASEAN is made mainly in the ASEAN free trade zone, the Mekong river basin cooperation and the triangle zone for economic growth. In the major triangle zones for economic growth there are the one for the growth of southern ASEAN including Singapore, Johore State in Malaysia, the Liau Islands in Indonesia, the one for the growth of northern ASEAN covering the regions concerned in Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand and the one for the growth of eastern ASEAN embracing the regions concerned in Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei and the Philippines.

Entering the new century, the ASEAN member countries strengthen cooperation in the fields of politics, economy and trade and hasten regional integration with the independent stand to solve the problems arising in the Southeast Asian region with their strength and joint efforts. On November 29, 2004, ASEAN held the 10th ASEAN summit meeting in Vientiane, capital of Laos, on the subject "Promotion of Safe and Powerful ASEAN Structure through Bigger Unity, Economic Integration and Social Progress" and signed the "Vientiane Action Program" to founding the "ASEAN Community" by materializing and consolidating comprehensive integration. The "Vientiane Action Program" aims to strengthen the regional integration and decrease differences in development between the old member countries and the new ones. The efforts for political unity and many-sided cooperation

being intensified between the ASEAN countries will dynamically propel the development of the Southeast Asian region and bring about big successes in the future.

The DPRK has developed foreign relations with the countries in Southeast Asia before ASEAN was founded, and from July 2000 attended the ASEAN Forum.

All countries in Southeast Asia should build a new prosperous society by preserving Juche character and national character whose truthfulness was proved in practice in the past.

Chapter 5 Principled Issues in Achieving Prosperity of Southeast Asia by Preserving Juche Character and National Character

Section 1 It Is Necessary to Love and Devote to One's Own Country and Nation

Loving and devoting to one's own country and nation is a principled issue in achieving prosperity of Southeast Asia by preserving the Juche character and national character as the people's destiny hinges on that of country and nation.

Country and nation is the most comprehensive social collective of the people. Country and nation is a place for people's living and a main unit for people to shape destiny. Not only the popular masses but also individuals suffer from misfortunes and pains when their country and nation are under sufferings, and if country and nation prospers, its people enjoy happiness.

It is explained by the past history in which the Korean people and

those people of many countries in Southeast Asia had been forced the fate of being ruined nations under the colonial rule of the Japanese imperialists. The present reality of the DPRK and the Southeast Asian countries who are striving for prosperity and development clearly proves that destiny of country and nation is immediately that of popular masses and that individual's destiny is linked inseparably with that of country and nation.

In our era, the era of independence, all countries and nations become masters of their own destiny and want to live and develop independently and creatively against all sorts of domination and subjugation.

The struggle to preserve the Juche character and national character in the building of a new society is the sacred struggle of the popular masses to shape the destiny of their country and nation in keeping with the aspiration and demands of their nation as masters of the country and nation. People have resolute consciousness and resolution to preserve the Juche character and national character, regard the cause for the country and nation as their own and devote their all to its materialization only when they love their country and nation and devote to them.

Loving and devoting to one's own country and nation is a principled issue in achieving prosperity of Southeast Asia by preserving the Juche character and national character as it enables the people to turn out in unity to the struggle for prosperity of country and nation.

Achieving prosperity of country and nation is complicated and difficult undertaking and it is a gigantic cause that can be achieved only when all the people are mobilized. Everything can be done and every problem solved by concerted strength and wisdom of the people.

There should be a correct ideological and spiritual basis capable of uniting all the people into one in order to lead them to the struggle for prosperity of country and nation. Loving and caring for country and nation is common aspiration of all people of the country and nation.

It is possible to rally all the people into one irrespective of differences in ideas, political views and religious beliefs and make them turn out to the sacred struggle for the country and nation only when they love their country and nation and devote to them.

Loving and devoting to one's own country and nation is a principled issue in achieving prosperity of Southeast Asia by preserving the Juche character and national character as it is an essential requirement in frustrating the imperialists' policy of obliterating other countries and nations.

Imperialists move more nakedly to obliterate the Juche character and national character and realize their dominationist ambition while clamouring about "democracy" and "war on terrorism", "defence of human rights" and "globalization".

Without love for and devotion to one's country and nation, one is unable to firmly adhere to the Juche character and national character, and the nation can be heterogeneous or assimilated to other nation. If one has thoroughgoing stand of loving and devoting to his country and nation, he is able to resolutely frustrate imperialists' reactionary ideological trends and sophistries and firmly preserve the Juche character and national character.

It is important to love one's country and nation boundlessly.

If one fails to love one's country and nation and devote to them, he will reject excellences of his country and nation and fall into nihilism, thus taking to flunkeyism of solving one's problems by relying on

others and dogmatism of solving all problems in style of others. Then, he will make a mess of the building of a new society instead of preserving the Juche character and national character. Man who is desirous of shaping his own destiny must love country and nation ardently with them as a place for his living and happiness and find pride and worth of life in devoting his all to the prosperity of country and nation.

It is also important to value the country and nation and take responsibility of their destiny.

It is a cunning neo-colonialist method of the imperialists to seize the economy of other countries and regions. The imperialists concentrate their particular efforts on this practice in Southeast Asia. The Southeast Asia has abundant precious resources, in particular, the strategic resources that other regions do not have or are in short. Hence, the imperialists moved to seize the countries in Southeast Asia economically while improving its own economy.

The imperialists import 8 items among 11 kinds of strategic resources from the Asia-Pacific region. Titanium holds 97% of their import, tin 80%, mica 80%, tungsten and germanium over 90% respectively and natural rubber more than 88%. In order to seize the Asia-Pacific region permanently, the imperialists stretches its tentacle deep into their economic lifeline in the method of penetrating into the economy in those countries, while disguising themselves as their “friends”. Not only through the trade and direct investment but through international organizations, the imperialists move to hold the right to dominating and controlling the economy of Southeast Asia by resorting to cunning methods. Typical example is that they try to seize APEC.

The Southeast Asian people should maintain the stand of giving

importance to their countries and nations in all speculations and activities of building a new society. They should also wage positive struggle for interests of their country and nation and their development and prosperity.

Section 2 It Is Necessary to Build a New Society in Conformity with One's Own Reality

Building a new society in conformity with one's reality is one of the principled issues in achieving prosperity of Southeast Asia by preserving the Juche character and national character, because it enables to decide and solve all problems independently in keeping with the demands and interests of one's people.

By nature, people in each country are masters of destiny of the country and nation, and it is an inviolable independent right of each country and nation to decide and solve the problems in carving out the destiny of their country and nation.

Independent right is expressed in detail in exercising one's authority and responsibility and in deciding and solving one's problems in conformity with the independent decision and judgment. It can be said that any people who are unable to make independent decision and judgment cannot discharge the role of masters in carving out the destiny of country and nation. Failing to have one's own opinion and conviction, being overpowered by outside forces leads the road to subordination and national ruin. If one has no his own opinion and conviction, one cannot but inevitably follow the will of imperialists and dominationists and please them. It will result in national catastrophe and ruin.

The people aspiring after the building of a new society must not

abandon conviction in validity of their cause even in any difficulties and trials and cover invariable road chosen by themselves, the road of independence with indomitable will and struggle.

Building a new society in conformity with one's reality is one of the principled issues in achieving prosperity of Southeast Asia by preserving the Juche character and national character, also because it enables the people to solve all problems creatively.

As the popular masses live and carve out destiny with a country and nation as a unit, solving all problems creatively is very important. The popular masses' independent demands and interests cannot be materialized if national character is neglected as each nation has peculiar culture and tradition formed and solidified through history.

Building a new society in conformity with one's reality includes the content of groping for one's own methods and ways to develop society in keeping with such historic conditions and the content of solving all problems creatively by relying on them.

A process of solving all problems arising in the building of a new society creatively and in one's own way is to embody the mode suited to characteristics of one's own country and nation. Building a new society in one's own way is not only to make progress with correct methods and ways suited to the concrete conditions but also to maintain the stand and attitude of rejecting dogmatism and dogma and solving all problems creatively, with the stand and attitude befitting master.

Others' experiences reflect socio-historical conditions and national features of their country. Among them some are necessary and beneficial for one's own country, but some are not, and some suit to the specific conditions of one's country and some are not. Anything good and advanced should be accepted. It is necessary not to imitate them

mechanically or put stress on them.

It is important not to tolerate the “western style” in administering the state and social system and organizing social life but to apply one’s own style in all fields of social life including politics, economy and culture. The countries who accepted the “western style” are now suffering much due to political instability, national disputes and civil wars. Their reality and socio-political difficulties prove that the “western style” is a drug that disturbs the people from preserving the Juche character and national character in the building of a new society. The imperialists are still interfering into internal affairs of those countries suffering from the socio-political difficulties and national disputes and forcing them to accept an “excellent plan” and “prescription.” This is nothing but a trick leading them to bigger disasters with “western style.” Such abnormal development situation caused by the “western style” in several countries of the world urgently demands all countries and nations to firmly preserve the Juche character and national character in building a new society in their own way.

Each country builds a new society under its concrete conditions. Different countries have different stages of historical development, circumstances, conditions and national features. Hence, there cannot be one and only “formula” or “view on value” that is suitable for every country. Commonness in life increases with the development of society and closeness of relations and exchanges between countries, which has the independent and individual development as a precondition. If there is a formula suited to all countries, it is to build a new society in conformity with their concrete conditions.

In building a new society in conformity with reality of one’s

country it is first important to decide and solve everything with independent judgment and decision and in conformity with demands and interests of the people

The bigger pressure of the imperialists, dominationists, the more firmly the people in each country should maintain their own views. They should also independently decide the problems in building a new society and implement them to the end. If one yields to the outside forces or moves and hesitates before pressure and difficulties, he will step backward in the road chosen by himself and rise up no more again.

In building a new society in conformity with reality of one's country it is also important to seek one's own methods and ways and rely on them.

The people aspiring after a new society must not tolerate the "American-style" and the "western-style" in administering state and social system, but thoroughly apply their style in all fields of the state and social life.

The people in Southeast Asia should not harbor expectations to other style in the struggle for national prosperity but build a new society with a firm viewpoint and stand that their way is the best.

Section 3 It Is Necessary to Prepare One's Internal Forces

Preparing one's internal forces is a principled issue in achieving prosperity of Southeast Asia by preserving the Juche character and national character, because it is a source of powerful strength enabling to achieve national prosperity.

Preserving and applying the Juche character and national character is guaranteed and realized by prosperity of countries and nations. Full-fledged exercise and defending of sovereignty and dignity with

honour is inconceivable without prosperous country and nation.

The country with weak economy and military cannot make independent decisions and views nor map out implement independent lines and politics. The country with weak national strength inevitably reads other's face, consults other's pleasure and moves under the baton of others, and in the long run it will be dominated politically, subjugated economically and occupied militarily. Such ruining nation cannot keep its dignity and soul, display its spirit and honor, and therefore, it will not escape from the miserable fate of being easily assimilated and annexed to other nations.

National prosperity is materialized by one's internal forces. One's internal forces are the direct discharger and reliable foundation for powerful national strength. Political and ideological strength, economic and military strength enable countries and nations to bring about prosperity. Prosperity is inconceivable without the volitional action, decisive role and powerful support of one's internal forces.

Preparing one's internal forces is a principled issue in achieving prosperity of Southeast Asia by preserving the Juche character and national character, also because it is source of powerful strength enabling to reject domination and subjugation and hold independence firmly.

Struggle between the independent forces and the dominationist forces is made in the world arena at present. The struggle of whether to become the independent people or slaves is an acute decisive battle and showdown with strength.

If one is weak, he is unable to be free from political domination and intervention, and economic blockade and subordination of imperialists and dominationists, resolutely deal with military pressure and threat

and defend national independence. Failing to exercise national independence and defend national interests under the pressure of outside forces is precisely the road to subordination and national ruin.

One should have internal forces, the practical guarantee, in order to frustrate all domination and subordination of imperialists and dominationists and achieve independent development of his country. The country with strong internal forces is never subordinated to others nor ruins.

It is first important to build up solid political forces in preparing one's internal forces.

The main in preparing one's internal forces is to build up one's solid political forces. Building up solid political forces is the fundamental guarantee for victory in building a new society. Fundamental guarantee to achieving national prosperity while adhering to the Juche character and national character is decided by how political forces are strengthened.

It is next important to build one's solid economic and military forces in preparing internal forces.

Powerful economic strength is a material basis of political independence and powerful military strength is the military guarantee for independence and economic self-sufficiency of a country. The people who have not solid economic and military strength cannot fulfill the responsibility and role of the motive force in building a new society nor preserve and embody the Juche character and national character. National sovereignty and dignity can be defended not only by the powerful military strength based on the solid economic strength which relies on the independent national economy, but by the powerful military strength based on self-reliant defence.

Section 4 It Is Necessary to Have High Sense of National Dignity and Pride.

To have high sense of national dignity and pride is a principled issue in achieving prosperity of Southeast Asia by preserving the Juche character and national character, because they are expression of ideological consciousness.

Adhering to the Juche character and national character in building a new society is based on the self-awareness of being masters of the destiny of country and nation and the independent consciousness as an ideological consciousness to carve out destiny by themselves. Dignity and pride and self-confidence in one's own country and nation are demonstrated by independent consciousness and based on the pride in one's country and nation and the ideological sentiments that are strengthened by the readiness to defend and further develop one's own country and nation.

Dignity and pride, expressed in the pride in one's own nation and the readiness to defend and further develop one's own nation, are inevitably directed to the earnest love for the nation and to the independent and creative shaping of nation's destiny as the master of his destiny. Hence, to have high sense of dignity and pride in one's own nation is an important demand to preserve the Juche character and national character by enhancing the independent consciousness. It is more important to enhance more dynamically the independent consciousness particularly in the countries that were under domination and intervention of big powers in the past and are still under the deep-rooted influence of flunkeyism and dogmatism.

To have high sense of national dignity and pride is a principled

issue in achieving prosperity of Southeast Asia by preserving the Juche character and national character, also because it is formed and displayed on the basis of having realized the excellence of the countries and nations.

Dignity and pride in one's own nation is displayed on the basis of independent consciousness. They are formed and manifested on the basis of recognizing the nation's excellence not abstractly but through the long historic experiences of concrete objects.

Every nation has its own excellence and it aspires and demands to give prominence to the excellence. Nation's excellence is formed and solidified historically and develops through the creative activities to defend national independence and bring about national prosperity. It arises as the more important issue to preserve and give prominence to the nation's excellence as long as there exist in the world the imperialist and dominationist forces that move to paralyze the people's independent consciousness and weaken excellence of the nation. National excellence is on the basis of the progressive and popular heritages formed and succeeded through history and the nation's excellence that is conveyed as heritages and consists of the excellence newly created in all fields of politics, economy, ideology, culture and morality.

In order to have high sense of dignity and pride in one's own nation, it is first necessary to put stress on the establishment of independent consciousness.

Having high sense of dignity and pride in one's own nation is closely related to the establishment of independent consciousness. Only when one puts stress on the establishment of independent consciousness, can one enhance the sense of pride in one's own nation

and have readiness to firmly defend and further develop one's own nation.

All the people should deeply acquire the truth that they are the masters of the nation and have strength to carve out its destiny and have firm viewpoint and stand, readiness and will to carve out the nation's destiny independently and creatively. It is important to give prominence to and develop the progressive and popular ones among the heritages created through history by one's nation.

In order to have high sense of dignity and pride in one's own nation, it is also necessary to have correct view on the nation's excellence and attach importance to it.

Dignity and pride in one's nation are not enhanced of their own accord. They are enhanced only when stress is put on the nation's excellence. National nihilism is a major obstacle disturbing development of the nation's excellence. National nihilism must be thoroughly rejected and overcome in order to preserve nation's excellence. Restorationism, too, is a harmful tendency hindering the proper preserving of nation's excellence. If restorationism is tolerated, the old and outdated ones running counter to the developing times would be restored. That is why new excellences should be created continuously in all fields of politics, economy, ideology, culture and morality.

Section 5 It Is Necessary to Struggle against Imperialism and Dominationism

Struggle against imperialism and dominationism is a principled issue in achieving prosperity of Southeast Asia by preserving the Juche character and national character, because it is a vital issue for firmly

safeguarding the independence and dignity of the country and nation.

The imperialist aggressive forces are the major forces that infringe upon independence of other countries and nations. Since it emerged in the world, imperialism has committed numerous aggressive wars and armed intervention to ruthlessly trample down independence of other countries and nations. It is a clear-cut truth proved by the past history and today's reality that, if the people fail to fight against the imperialist aggressive forces to the end, they will be unable to safeguard sovereignty of the country and, if they fail to defend the sovereignty, they will be deprived of human rights and the right to existence.

Struggle against imperialism and dominationism is a principled issue in achieving prosperity of Southeast Asia by preserving the Juche character and national character, also because it is a vital issue for bringing about national prosperity.

It is predatory nature of imperialists to realize their unlimited greed by putting other countries and nations under domination and plunder. The predatory nature of imperialism never changes. The imperialists who speak for interests of the monopolies' that have grown fat by exploiting others are now resorting to aggression and war, domination and plunder while changing the methods with the passage of time. In particular, the imperialists' military machinations aimed at the major resource zones have become ever more naked at present. It is the serious lesson of history that, in order to achieve genuine prosperity, one should not harbor an illusion about imperialism but resolutely maintain the anti-imperialist and independent stand and fight to the end against the imperialist aggressive forces.

Struggle against imperialism and dominationism is a principled issue in achieving prosperity of Southeast Asia by preserving the Juche

character and national character, also because it is an important issue for ensuring peace and security.

Imperialism is a constant source of war and a cancer destroying the world peace and security. It is the general goal for the imperialists to obliterate the independent forces with strategy of aggression and war and turn the world into the uni-polar one to be controlled by them. The humankind is faced with a serious problem deciding a new war or peace due to the machinations for a new war being made in every part of the world. The present situation demands the people to unite as one irrespective of differences in political view, religious belief and social system and turn out to the struggle to frustrate the their moves of war and safeguard the world peace if they desire peace and security.

In order to struggle against imperialism and dominationism, it is necessary to get rid of an illusion about and fear of imperialism.

Nothing is more foolish and dangerous act than to place expectations to the imperialists' "aid", without distinguishing their aggressive and predatory nature. Seeing through the miserable realities of the countries and nations that had an illusion about imperialism, one should always defend firmly the anti-imperialist and independent stand and thoroughly overcome even a small element of the illusion about imperialism. Fear of imperialism is another expression of an illusion about imperialism. Imperialism is by no means a terrible being but the refuse of history. If one abandons the struggle against imperialism, being fear of the struggle against it, he will be unable to be free from the imperialist domination and control. One should penetrate into the vulnerability of imperialism to fight courageously against the boastful imperialists and resolutely frustrate their reactionary offensives.

In order to struggle against imperialism and dominationism, it is necessary to frustrate thoroughly the imperialists' desperate and cunning policy of obliterating nations and the reactionary theories rationalizing the policy.

The imperialists' reactionary policy to check the Juche character and obliterate the national character assumes a new form under the gangster-like sophism of the world "integrity". One should see through the dangerousness of the policy of obliterating nations that the imperialists are pursuing under the signboard of the world "integrity", and intensify the struggle to shatter their dominationist machinations. In order to preserve the Juche character and national character, it is imperative to thoroughly disclose and shatter all sorts of reactionary ideological trends and sophisms covering and justifying the imperialist nature of dominationism.

In order to struggle against imperialism and dominationism, it is also necessary to strengthen the international unity and cooperation of the world progressive people.

The dominationist and imperialist forces are running amuck to obliterate the Juche character and national character of other countries and nations with the allied forces. The imperialist big powers wasted much energy to knock out their components centring on re-division of colonies in the past. However, they are now allying each other to intensify the capitalist exploitation and plunder and obliterate the Juche character and national character of other countries and nations. Reality proves that the countries and people aspiring after independence should consolidate the international unity and cooperation in order to preserve the Juche character and national character against imperialism and dominationism. Dominationist and imperialist forces will not run

amuck if the independent countries support one another and are collectively responsible in the joint struggle for independence and justice.

Cooperation and exchange should be developed among the Southeast Asian countries. The Southeast Asian countries should firmly unite into one to solve all problems in conformity with the aspirations and demands of the Southeast Asian people and with the actual conditions in the region. They should struggle dynamically to democratize the international community in close unity under the banner of independence. The Southeast Asian countries should expand and develop cooperation and exchange with the countries aspiring after independence. The people in Southeast Asian countries should dynamically advance along the road of independence and justice by joining efforts with the world progressives in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe.

Conclusion

The people in Southeast Asian countries should adhere to the Juche character and national character thoroughly, thus making contributions to the regional prosperity and the justice and progress of humankind.